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The six tests cited in this bibliography are used to assess students' knowledge of Italian as a second language. The tests are primarily geared toward higher education or used to grant credit-by-examination. Several of them are from foreign sources. This document is one in a series of topical bibliographies from the Test Collection (TC) at Educational Testing Service (ETS) containing descriptions of more than 18,000 tests and other measurement devices prepared by commercial publishers, teachers, educational institutions, professional associations, departments of education, counselors, etc. Each description contains the following basic information: TC Accession Number (a six-digit identification number assigned by the Test Collection); the title of the instrument; personal or institutional author; year of publication or copyright; availability source; grade level for which test is suitable; age level for which test is suitable; and abstract. Other information, which is provided when known, includes subtests, number of test items, and time required to complete the test. Information on accessing the Test Collection via Internet concludes the document. (RMB)

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INTRODUCTION

Scope of Bibliography

The tests described in this bibliography are primarily geared toward higher education or used to grant credit-by-examination. A few tests are available from foreign sources.

Availability

Copies of the tests described on the following pages must be obtained directly from the publisher, as stated in the AV AVAILABILITY section of each test citation. Generally, the Test Collection does not have distribution rights for its holdings. However, in special instances, the Test Collection has been granted permission from individual authors to distribute their tests, which are primarily research instruments. The AV AVAILABILITY information for these instruments will be Tests in Microfiche, Test Collection, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08541.

Guide to Citation Elements

The following is a guide to the various elements which may be present in a test citation:

AN - Six-digit identification number assigned by the Test Collection

TI - Name of the instrument

DT - Components within the overall test which assess particular skills or factors

AU - Personal or institutional author

YR - Year test was published or copyrighted

AV - Test publisher or distributor; the organization which sells or distributes the instrument

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GL - List of grades for which test is suitable

TG - List of ages for which test is suitable

AB - A description of the test and its purpose

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC013311 ETS 8501.
TI TITLE: DANTES: Beginning Italian II.
DT SUBTESTS: Vocabulary; Grammar; Reading Comprehension.
AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J.
AV AVAILABILITY: Educational Testing Service; Mail Stop 17 P, Princeton, NJ 08541.
TG TARGET AUDIENCE: Adults.
NT NOTES:
TIME: 90; approx.
ITEMS: 75.
AB ABSTRACT: The DANTES program is a series of secured tests administered by postsecondary institutions to grant credit by examination for education gained outside the classroom. Examinations may be worth from two to six credit hours in a baccalaureate program, baccalaureate upper division program, or a technical program. A minimum score for credit has been established by the American Council on Education. Individual institutions administer examinations, as well as set the fees and schedules. These instruments complement the College Board's College Level Examination Program (CLEP) with several instruments in applied technology. They were originally developed for military personnel. Major areas of assessment include mathematics, social science, physical science, business, foreign language, and applied technology. For each test a fact sheet containing the curriculum specifications of the course, a list of texts on which the test is based and statistical information is available. Qualified administrators and faculty may borrow sample tests for a period of thirty days. This instrument is one of a series assessing knowledge in foreign languages. Measures knowledge of Italian vocabulary and grammar, as well as reading comprehension. Forms SC and SD are available. ACE recommends granting three semester hours of credit at the lower level baccalaureate degree level to successful candidates.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC013310 ETS 8501.
TI TITLE: DANTES: Beginning Italian I.
DT SUBTESTS: Vocabulary; Grammar; Reading Comprehension.
AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N.J.
AV AVAILABILITY: Educational Testing Service; Mail Stop 17 P, Princeton, NJ 08541.
TG TARGET AUDIENCE: Adults.
NT NOTES:
TIME: 90; approx.
ITEMS: 98.
AB ABSTRACT: The DANTES program is a series of secured tests administered by postsecondary institutions to grant credit by examination for education gained outside the classroom. Examinations may be worth from two to six credit hours in a baccalaureate program, baccalaureate upper division program, or a technical program. A minimum score for credit has been established by the American Council on Education. Individual institutions

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AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC011639 ETS 8410.
TI TITLE: New York State Regents Examinations.
AU INSTITUTIONAL AUTHOR: New York State Education Dept., Albany. Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Educational Testing.
AV AVAILABILITY: New York State Education Department; Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Testing, University of the State of New York, Albany, NY 12234.
GL GRADE LEVEL: 9; 10; 11; 12.
AB ABSTRACT: Statewide testing program used to measure achievement and grant scholarships. Exams are available in: English, mathematics, biology, social studies, chemistry, Spanish, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Latin, earth science; physics, bookkeeping, business law, business mathematics, and shorthand. Most of the exams are used in grades 11-12.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC906009 ETS 8512.
TI TITLE: Prova Oggettiva di Lettura.
AU AUTHOR: Grasso-Magrin-Giuliana; Tomai-Vinciquerra-Anna-Maria.
YR YEAR: 67.
AV AVAILABILITY: Edizione Organizzazioni Speciale: Firenze; via Scipione Ammirato 37; 50136; Florence, Italy.
GL GRADE LEVEL: 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11; 12.
NT NOTES:
ITEMS: 70.
AB ABSTRACT: Designed to measure level of reading ability. Separate measures cover speed and accuracy, comprehension and word attack skills.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC906008 ETS 8512.
TI TITLE: Test di Comprensione della Lettura.
AU AUTHOR: Boschi-Filippo.
YR YEAR: 65.

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AV AVAILABILITY: Edizione Organizzazioni Speciale: Firenze; via Scipione Ammirato 37; 50136; Florence, Italy.
TG TARGET AUDIENCE: Adults.
NT NOTES:
ITEMS: 80.
AB ABSTRACT: Designed to measure the student's knowledge of the Italian language, including literary and scientific reading. Measures speed and level of comprehension.

AN ACCESSION NUMBER: TC800200 ETS 8512.
TI TITLE: Australian Second Language Proficiency Ratings - Italian Version.
DT SUBTESTS: Speaking; Listening; Writing; Reading.
AU AUTHOR: Ingram-D-E; Wylie-Elaine.
YR YEAR: 82.
AV AVAILABILITY: David E. Ingram; Department of Languages and Literature, Mt. Gravatt College of Advanced Education, Brisbane, Australia.
TG TARGET AUDIENCE: Adults.
NT NOTES:
ITEMS: 31.
AB ABSTRACT: Measures proficiency in Italian as a second language through the use of natural, real-life language activities requiring speaking, listening, reading and writing. Each subscale describes nine levels of proficiency from zero to native-like, plus three additional plus/minus gradings. Versions are available for use with speakers of English, (TC 800201) French (TC 800202) and Japanese (TC 800 199) as a second language.

ETS TEST COLLECTION VIA INTERNET

The ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation has mounted on its gopher site a database to help locate tests. This database can be used by accessing the gopher at the address: GOPHER.CUA.EDU. The ERIC/ETS Test Collection is located under: Special Resources/ ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation/ Test Locator/.

To search the database, enter keywords from the title or descriptors. For example, if you would like to search for tests on oral language proficiency, you could type in all three words, or oral and proficiency. You may get slightly different results, but you will have information on a lot of tests to look at. If you know the title of the test, the best way to search is to use the main words in the title, not necessarily all of the words in the title. If you are looking for the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-Revised, the most efficient way to search is with the words Wechsler, intelligence, and children.

INTRODUCTION TO THE ETS TEST COLLECTION

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) Test Collection database contains records on over 9,500 tests and research instruments. These records describe the instruments and provide availability information. The Test Collection encompasses virtually all fields from vocational interest inventories for adults to instruments that measure shyness or predict recidivism in released criminal offenders, to assessment of managerial style, as well as education-related achievement and aptitude tests. The test descriptions are indexed with ERIC Thesaurus terms for subject accessibility.

This is a joint project of ETS and ERIC_AE. ETS Library and Reference Services Division prepares the descriptions. ERIC_AE maintains the database and hosts the Search System. ERIC_AE has also begun to put ETS prepared test descriptions into the ERIC *Resources in Education* database. About 15 descriptions are added each month.

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WHAT KIND OF TEST ARE DESCRIBED?

The Test Collection database collects a variety of instruments: achievement tests, aptitude tests, personality measures, attitude measures, career/vocational interest measures, occupational tests such as nursing or sales skills inventories. Many research instruments are collected as well as tests from commercial publishers.

WHAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ABOUT THE TESTS?

The title, author, publication date and source appear in the record. An abstract describing the instrument, intended population, and uses accompanies the record. Subject terms give the age and grade level information as well as ERIC Thesaurus terms that describe the test.

DOES THE TEST COLLECTION DATABASE REVIEW THE TESTS?

No, other reference guides such as Mental Measurements Yearbooks, Tests: A Comprehensive Reference for Assessments in Psychology, Education, and Business, and Test Critiques distributed by Pro-Ed fill that role. You can search the tables of contents for the MMY and Test Critiques through the ERIC_AE Gopher Site.

ARE ALL THE TESTS IN THE DATABASE CURRENTLY IN PRINT?

No, some of the items are out of print. We suggest contacting the publisher for permission to use out-of-print materials. Phone numbers can be located using another menu option on the ERIC_AE Gopher Site.

WHERE CAN I SEE THE ACTUAL TEST INSTRUMENTS?

Availability information is provided in the records. Many colleges and universities have test collections in their libraries. Talk to you local librarian for more information.

WHAT IS TESTS IN MICROFICHE?

Tests in Microfiche is a subcollection of unpublished research instruments that are available for purchase in microfiche from the ETS Test Collection. The collection includes instruments appropriate for diverse populations (infants, learning disabled, adults, etc.) Each set spans a wide range of topics such as job satisfaction and attitudes towards school. More than 800 tests are available.

DOES THE TEST COLLECTION PROVIDE REFERENCE SERVICES?

No, the descriptive information in the database should help answer most questions people may have. And the publisher of the particular test is the most competent source of information. You can, however, route general inquiries to ERIC_AE@CUA.EDU.

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